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1. Skilled Nursing Facilities: Quality Assurance Fee for Rate Year 2011 – 2012

The Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) assessed for each Skilled Nursing Facility (NF) for the rate year August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012 was approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on November 21, 2011. *California Health and Safety Code*, Sections 1324.20 through 1324.30 authorizes the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to collect a QAF from all non-exempt Freestanding (FS) NFs and from Freestanding Skilled Adult Subacute Nursing Facility Level Bs (FS/NF-Bs). The purpose of this fee is to enhance federal financial participation in the Medi-Cal program, and to provide additional reimbursement to, and support of, quality improvement efforts in licensed FS/NF-Bs providing services for the Medi-Cal program.

DHCS will collect the following QAF on a monthly basis:

- FS/NF-Bs with total annual resident days equal to or greater than 100,000: \$13.43 per resident day.
- FS/NF-Bs with total annual resident days less than 100,000: \$14.33 per resident day.

DHCS will send quarterly notices and three monthly payment forms to each non-exempt FS/NF-B. Payments are due on or before the last day of the month following the month for which the fee was imposed.

Questions about the QAF program may be submitted to:

FS/NF-B QAF Coordinator
Department of Health Care Services
Long Term Care System Development Unit
MS 4612
1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.4001
P.O. Box 997417
Sacramento, CA 95899-7417

Questions about the QAF payments may be submitted to:

Department of Health Care Services
Quality Assurance Fee Program
MS 4720
P.O. Box 997425
Sacramento, CA 95899-7425
(916) 650-0490

Providers may access information about the QAF program on the [Quality Assurance Fee](#) page of the DHCS website.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE
ON SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES
FOR THE 11-12 RATE YEAR

This notice provides information concerning the Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) on each skilled nursing facility for the rate year August 1, 2011, to July 31, 2012, approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on November 21, 2011. California Health and Safety Code sections 1324.20 through 1324.30, and Welfare and Institutions Code section 14105.06, authorize the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to collect a QAF from all non-exempt Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facilities and Freestanding Skilled Adult Subacute Nursing Facility Level-Bs (FS/NF-Bs). The purpose of this fee is to enhance federal financial participation in the MediCal program, provide additional reimbursement to, and support quality improvement efforts in, licensed FS/NF-Bs providing services for the Medi-Cal program.

QAF IMPOSED FOR THE 2011-12 RATE YEAR

DHCS will collect the following QAF on a monthly basis:

FS/NF-Bs with total annual resident days equal to or greater than 100,000 – \$13.43 per resident day.
FS/NF-Bs with total annual resident days less than

100,000 – \$14.33, per resident day.

DHCS will send quarterly notices to each non-exempt FS/NF-B and three monthly payment forms.

Payments are due on or before the last day of the month following the month for which the fee is imposed.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

A copy of the California Health and Safety Code sections

1324.20 through 1324.30, and Welfare and Institutions

Code section 14105.06 may be requested from,

and any comments may be sent to:

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